Ministry of Rural Development implements two major employment generation schemes namely the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for self.employment and the Sampoorna Gramin Rozg'ar Yojana (SGRY) for wage employment for the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas of the country (expcect Chandigarh and Delhi). There is no provision in these Programme Guidelines for separate minimum labour component. However, under the area development schemes namely, the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP), the minimum labour component is 60% of the total work component. The physical achievements under these schemes during the years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05 is given as under:

Years	SGSY (number of Swarozgaris assisted)	SGRY (lakh mandays)	IWDP, DPAP, DDP & EAS (In lakh mandays)
2002-03	826267	7482 93	775.73
2002-04	896414	856024	778.48
2004-	742875	5932.87	765.96

*Provisional

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has launched a new scheme namely National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) to provide resources apart from the resources available under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to 150 most backward districts of the country for generation of supplementary wage employment and providing of food security through creation of need based economic, social and community assets in these districts. The NFFWP is open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual and unskilled work. The programme is self-targeting in nature, and implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Foodgrains is provided to the States free of cost.

Construction of roads under PMGSY

†2449. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of roads is in progress in Beaschatti-Dev Prayag, Patti Banelshun, Pauri-Garhwal under PMGSY;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that construction work of road was scheduled to be completed by December, 2004 but it is yet to be completed due to the slow pace of work;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the State Government had sanctioned that 3 k.m. long road for village Kota, Patti Banelshun but the construction work of the same is yet to be started; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and(b) Yes, Sir. A road, Devprayag-Vyasghat is under eonstruction by the State Government under PMGSY The road was to be completed by December, 2004 but the State Government has reported that it has been delayed.

(c) and (d) The State Government has reported that construction of 3 k.m. long road for village Kota, Patti Banelshun has not been taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Special Employment Scheme

2450. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has prepared Special Employment Scheme to provide employment to one member of a family in 150 most backward districts identified in the country and submitted the same to Government:

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) A new poverty alleviation programme, National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched from the month of November, 2004 in 150 most backward districts of the country to generate additional supplementary wage employment with food security. These backward districts have been identified on the basis of an exercise undertaken by the Planning Commission using three parameters, namely i) agricultural productivity per worker, ii) agricultural wage rate and iii) SC/ST population. At least one district has been selected in each State. All the States except Goa have been covered.